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PARLIAMENTARY DEBATES

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MAURITIUS INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION – AWARD COURSES – JULY/AUGUST 2025 INTAKE – RODRIGUAN STUDENTS

(No. B/763) Mr F. François (Second Member for Rodrigues) asked the Minister of Education and Human Resource whether, in regard to the Mauritius Institute of Education (MIE) Award courses for the July/August 2025 intake for a Bachelor of Education (Hons) in Technical and Vocational Education and Training - B.Ed. (Hons) and a Diploma Special Education Needs, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the MIE, information as to whether suitable qualified candidates from Rodrigues will be able to follow same in Rodrigues and, if not, indicate the measures, if any, being taken for the facilitation thereof.

Dr. Gungapersad: Madam Speaker, I am informed by the Mauritius Institute of Education (MIE) that the Bachelor of Education in Technical and Vocational Education and Training - B.Ed. (Hons) programme was developed at the request of the Mauritius Institute of Training and Development (MITD) to strengthen the pedagogical competencies of its instructors, including those based in Rodrigues.

The programme has been accredited by the Higher Education Commission (HEC) on 29 May 2025 and has been advertised on 14 July 2025 in Mauritius and for Rodrigues. The MITD had already informed the concerned instructors about the course on 2 December 2024. I am also informed that the modalities for the implementation of the programme are being worked out and it should be designed in such a way so as to ensure the optimum use of resources and facilitate the efficient and effective delivery of training courses to all interested candidates possessing the required qualifications, including those from Rodrigues. The course will be run in a hybrid mode in Rodrigues with a combination of online and face to face sessions facilitated by resource persons from the MIE.

Madam Speaker, as for the Diploma in Special Education Needs, I am informed by the MIE that the intake for July/August 2025 has not been advertised in Rodrigues as the first cohort from Rodrigues is currently following the certificate course which will only be completed in December of this year. Upon completion of the certificate course, the diploma course will be advertised thereat and those who have been awarded the certificate will be eligible to apply.

Thank you.